GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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MISUSE OF FUNDS IN PURCHASE OF COMPUTER
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Government funds were misused while the computers and other peripherals to the ASI were purchased few years back;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the guilty officials;

(c) the number of computers purchased and the Bill amounts for the same;

(d) the details of funds allocated therefor;

(e) whether the government have called for any sealed tenders from reputed dealers while purchasing the computers for the ASI; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a), (b),(c), (d), (e) & (f) The Archaeological Survey of India started purchase of computers from 1997 for its use at headquarters.Till 31.12.2000, 25 computers were purchased at a cost of Rs. 26.33 lakhs approx. from reputed dealers and Government approved agencies. These purchases were made from allocations made under office expenses.